

HOUSE BILL 493

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By: **Delegates Simmons and Kramer**

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Assigned to: Economic Matters

A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **Task Force to Study Economic Development and Apprenticeships**

3 FOR the purpose of establishing the Task Force to Study Economic Development and
4 Apprenticeships; providing for the composition, chair, and staffing of the Task
5 Force; establishing the duties of the Task Force; prohibiting a member of the
6 Task Force from receiving certain compensation, but authorizing the
7 reimbursement of certain expenses; requiring the Task Force to report its
8 findings and recommendations to the Governor and the General Assembly on or
9 before a certain date; providing for the termination of this Act; and generally
10 relating to the Task Force to Study Economic Development and
11 Apprenticeships.

12 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
13 MARYLAND, That:

14 (a) There is a Task Force to Study Economic Development and
15 Apprenticeships.

16 (b) The Task Force consists of the following members:

17 (1) two members of the Senate of Maryland, appointed by the
18 President of the Senate;

19 (2) three members of the House of Delegates, appointed by the
20 Speaker of the House;

21 (3) the Secretary of Business and Economic Development, or the
22 Secretary's designee;

23 (4) the Secretary of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation, or the
24 Secretary's designee;

EXPLANATION: CAPITALS INDICATE MATTER ADDED TO EXISTING LAW.

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted from existing law.



1 (5) the Secretary of Education, or the Secretary's designee; and

2 (6) the following members, appointed by the Governor:

3 (i) one representative of the community college system;

4 (ii) two members of the business community who have existing
5 apprenticeship programs; and

6 (iii) one member of the public who has benefited from
7 participation in an apprenticeship program.

8 (c) The members of the Task Force shall designate the chair of the Task
9 Force.

10 (d) The Department of Labor, Licensing, and Regulation shall provide staff
11 for the Task Force.

12 (e) A member of the Task Force:

13 (1) may not receive compensation as a member of the Task Force; but

14 (2) is entitled to reimbursement for expenses under the Standard
15 State Travel Regulations, as provided in the State budget.

16 (f) The Task Force shall:

17 (1) study the effectiveness of existing apprenticeship programs within
18 the State;

19 (2) research the effectiveness of apprenticeship programs in other
20 states as well as international apprenticeship programs, particularly those in which
21 U.S. businesses participate abroad and, based on that research, consider how existing
22 apprenticeship programs in Maryland could be improved; and

23 (3) address the contributions of secondary schools to successful
24 apprenticeship programs, and recommend ways to enhance partnerships between
25 secondary schools and apprenticeship programs and increase the effectiveness of their
26 interactions.

27 (g) On or before December 1, 2013, the Task Force shall report its findings
28 and recommendations to the Governor and, in accordance with § 2-1246 of the State
29 Government Article, the General Assembly.

30 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
31 October 1, 2012. It shall remain effective for a period of 1 year and 3 months and, at

1 the end of December 31, 2013, with no further action required by the General
2 Assembly, this Act shall be abrogated and of no further force and effect.